

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., June 21, 2006

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: Commissioner David Rice, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Report on Air Medi-Evac System.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Utilization of the MCSO Trauma Star helicopter exceeded all projections, and established the locally based air rescue service to transport critical care trauma patients to Ryder Trauma Center in Miami as a crucial resource to serve County residents and visitors since it's inception in early 2002.

In February 2005, BOCC authorized the County Administrator, in coordination with the Sheriff's Office, with the responsibility to negotiate a purchase contract for acquisition of a helicopter to replace the aging Trauma Star, a 1969 UH-1 Huey. The need for replacement of the aircraft was spearheaded in the summer of 2003 by the announcement of the U.S. Military of termination of equipment and parts support for the UH-1 aircraft. As civil and commercial aviation industries were increasing upgrading to newer aircraft, parts availability for Trauma Star was drying up very rapidly, endangering sustainability of the air rescue service. In the fall of 2003, the BOCC approved creation of the Trauma Services Study Group, to study and make recommendations to the Board associated with maintenance and improvements of the trauma transport system, to prevent a decrease in the current level of air trauma transport service.

In 2004, the County issued two RFP's in an attempt to secure medi-evac flight services through a public-private partnership, as recommended by the Trauma System Study Group, both unsuccessful.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: In February 2006, BOCC approved transfer of ear-marked funds from 304 Fund allowed by FSS 129.06 to the Sheriff's Office budget directly, facilitating the acquisition process.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

David P. Rice
(David P. Rice, Commissioner)

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐

Not Required ☒

DISPOSITION: _____

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